

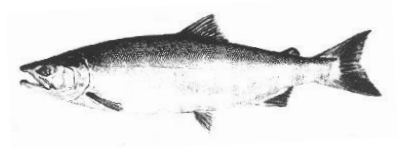
# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2015 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 32**

#### **Fall Announcement # 29, Yukon River District 2 Commercial Period 9**

Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

The 2015 fall chum salmon inseason run projection is on track for a run size between 700,000 and 800,000 fish. This level of abundance should be sufficient to provide for escapement, an above average subsistence harvest, and a surplus available for commercial and personal use purposes.

The estimated passage of fall chum salmon at the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station through August 21 is 431,000 fish, which is below the historical median of 513,500 fish for that date. A third pulse of fall chum salmon began passing the mainstem sonar near Pilot Station on August 21 and appears to be 2 days in duration. The 2015 coho salmon preseason projection is anticipated to be an average to below average run size. As of August 21, the estimated coho salmon passage past the mainstem sonar is 46,000 fish, which is below the historical median of 70,700 fish for that date.

#### **District 2 Commercial Schedule:**

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in District 2 on Sunday, August 23 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh size.

Preliminary reports from the District 2 commercial opening on August 19 indicate a harvest of 963 fall chum salmon and 4,850 coho salmon from 102 permit holders. The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for District 2 is 44,395 fall chum salmon and 18,808 coho salmon.

**District 2 Subsistence Fishing Schedule:**

Subsistence salmon fishing in District 2 is open during the fall season 7 days per week, 24 hours per day with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period. In District 2, subsistence salmon fishing will close at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, August 23, and reopen at 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 24.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day, toll free at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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